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## Western Virginia Man Pleads Guilty to Transportation of Child Pornography

**Washington, D.C.** – Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and MPD Chief Cathy L. Lanier announced today that 46 year old Virginia businessman Glenn K. Stinnett pled guilty to Transportation of Child Pornography before the Honorable Richard W. Roberts in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. His arrest was part of the efforts of the Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force ("ICAC Task Force") and the Attorney General's Project Safe Childhood ("PSC") Initiative.

On July 8, 2008, while on the internet on his computer at his home in Blue Ridge, Virginia, Stinnett, using the screen name "Paikita," began to communicate with another person in the "Incest Taboo" chatroom who went by the screen name of "daughterlover\_maryland." Believing "daughterlover\_maryland" to be a pedophile, the defendant told him that he was in Virginia and into "preteen." Daughterlover\_maryland in fact was not a pedophile, rather he was Detective Timothy Palchak, a member of the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") ICAC Task Force, acting in an undercover capacity online in search of individuals who possessed, distributed, produced, or received images of children depicted in pornographic materials.

During the first chat with the defendant, he sent Detective Palchak two pornagraphic movies depicting prepubescent female children engaged in sex acts with adults. "Paikita" and "daughterlover\_maryland" chatted again two days later. During this chat the defendant also sent additional pornographic movies and still photographs depicting prepubescent children engaged in sex acts with adults. The defendant informed the detective that he had at least 100 child pornography videos in his collection and approximately 500 child pornography photographs.

On August 5, 2008, Detective Palchak, FBI Special Agent Scott Schelble, other members of the ICAC Task Force and local Blue Ridge, Virginia law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at the defendant's home in Blue Ridge, Virginia. During the search, among other things

found was a desk top computer and thumb drives containing child pornography. A subsequent forensic analysis was performed upon these items which revealed far in excess of 600 child pornographic images, including the images which the defendant had sent to Detective Palchak.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood and the District of Columbia MPD/FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. In February 2006, the Attorney General created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <a href="https://www.projectsafechildhood.gov.">www.projectsafechildhood.gov.</a>

Sentencing is scheduled for October 2, 2009 before Judge Roberts. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years. Under the advisory Sentencing Guidelines, the defendant faces between 151 and 188 months imprisonment. Acting U.S. Attorney Channing Phillips and MPD Chief Cathy L. Lanier praised the efforts of the ICAC Task Force members and Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Long-Doyle who prosecuted the case.

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